YUMA'S DREAM **REALIZED IN OPENING**

Yuma has at last realized her fond est dream. Irrigation water is now on her "beloved Yuma Mesa," the historic event having been celebrated Easter Sunday, April 16, 1922, by an immense outpouring of people from all over Arizona and California to commemorate the occasion.

This has been Yuma's dream for the past two decades. Now that the silt-laden waters of the Colorado river I thank you Lord, that I am placed are flowing in an inexhaustible supply over these frostless lands it is confidently expected that within the next few years these famous lands will be covered with oranges, grape-fruit, lemons, dates, figs and grapes, Or for it has been perfectly demonstrated that all these fruits will grow to their greatest known perfection on the Yu-ma Mesa. Indeed these lands were And give me work that's open to officially characterized by the late lamented Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane as "the only frost-less belt in the United States," and this was more than proven during the last winter when all the balance of the citrus fruit belt of the west suffered more or less from the ravages

The Yuma Mesa first came into the lime-light on December 10, 1919, when by special Act of Congress, the Secretary of the Interior was instructed to open the first unit. This was done by means of a public auction sale of something over 6,000 acres. Sufficient funds were derived from this sale to begin the construction of the necessary canals and pumping plant to place water on a portion of the land The land was sold at a minimum of \$225 per acre, in four annual payments, the deferred payments drawing six per cent per annum. Buyers were present from alevery state in the union. At that time there was no limit to the loose money in the country, and as a result there was no trouble in disposing of these unsurpassed lands. Yuma citizens purchased freely, not stopping to think that possibly the aftereffects of the war might make money matters more stringent, which proved to be the fact. As a result of this stringency in the money market a good many of those who purchased land on the Yuma Mesa at the Government auction sale now find themselves "up against it." Some of them are willing to transfer at least part of their holdings, and some very rare of their holdings, and some very rare bargains in five, ten and twenty acre units can be had. When these lands were purchased they were nothing but a desert waste. It was a gamble, pure and simple, as to whether or not the Government could put irrigation water on them. If it could be done the purchasers figured they would have the best citrus fruit, early vegetable and grape land in all the world. The Government has "made good." It has erected the finest pumping plant ever erected in the United States and on Easter Sunday it was clearly dem-onstrated that there is sufficient water to irrigate every acre of land that was sold at public auction.

In the meantime the man who had plenty of money in 1919 is now placed in a position where he "must turn loose" — all the more his misfortune. His holdings are "Unit B," on the Yuma Mesa, would be worth a fortune, if they were located in the proven orange belt of California. But they are in Arizona, separated only from California by the Colorado river. As a matter of fact there isn't an acre of citrus fruit land in the entire state He pulls down the throttle and plunof California that can begin to compare with the lands on the Yuma Mesa, for the oranges, grapefruit, dates and figs grown on the Yuma Mesa are so much earlier matured than anywhere else in the United States that practically all the fruit is ripe, harvested and sold long before similar fruits are ripe enough to ship from California. But all this does the holder of some of these lands no good, when he is "broke, down and out." If he could "hold on" he knows his fortune would be made, but he must meet his obligations, therefore he must sell at a partificatherefore he must sell at a sacrifice.

The celebration Easter Sunday demonstrated that Yuma is now in the lime-light to stay. With her unsurpassed valley lands, almost every acre of which is in a high state of cultivation, and with the Yuma Mesa lands now furnished with an abunands now furnished with an abundance of irrigation water places Yuma in the very first rank of early fruit and vegetable growing. It is confidently expected that the year 1923 will see many thousands of acres of these rich valley and Mesa lands converted into truck farms. Being several weeks earlier than over the great eral weeks earlier than even the great Imperial Valley would clearly indi-cate that Yuma is destined to be the early garden market of the United States. There will be no competition with Imperial Valley, for, as already stated Yuma truck and fruit is ber with Imperial Valley, for, as already stated, Yuma truck and fruit is harvested and sold long before the most favored sections of California are ready to ship. That makes the Yuma Mesa lands almost priceless, and the day is rapidly approaching when this will be a proven fact.

The Yuma Chamber of Commerce, and every citizen in Yuma, will always extend the hand of welcome to all who enter the city. Secretary L.

all who enter the city. Secretary L. W. Alexander, of the Chamber of Commerce, will be glad to furnish detailed information on request.

HIS INSPIRATION

Mrs. Alice Allan Arnold, the moving picture censor of Denver, said in a lecture: "But the worst films of all, to my mind, are those that take religious subjects and turn them into sensational licentious entertainments. once saw the "Temptation of St. Anthony" filmed in this way. Ap elderly millionaire viveur, having seen It too, said afterward at the club: 'A great film, that. I realized as it unrolled before me that for the first time in my life, by George, I wished I war a saint."—From the Argonaut.

THE COWBOY'S PRAYER

Oh, Lord, I've never lived where churches grow, I love creation better as it stood OF YUMA MESA

I love creation better as it stocked that day you finished it so long ago, And looked upon your work and called it good.

know that others find you in the That filters down through tinted window panes, yet I seem to feel you near to-

In this dim, quiet starlight on the

so well; That you have made my freedom complete, I'm no slave of whistle, clock

or bell, Or weak eyed prisoner of wall or

And give me work that's open to the sky; Make me a partner of the wind and

And I won't ask a life that's soft or high. Let me be easy on the man that's down: And make me square and gener-

ous with all; I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town, But never let them say I'm mean or small.

Make me as big and open as the plains, As honest as the horse between my knees. Clean as the wind that blows behind

the rains, Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.

Forgive me, Lord, when sometimes I forget, You understand the reasons that are

hid, know the little things that gall and fret, You know me better than my mother did.

Just keep an eye on all that's done cate some truth in the theory that and said. Just right me sometimes when I

And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead That stretches down toward the

Great Divide. - Author Unknown.

SIR GALAHAD'S BATTLE SONG

God save our sacred, sublime consti-Suffer not vandals to cut off one

Preserve it intact from the hand of pollution — And if God won't do it Sir Galahad

Sir Galahad bristles with vast indignation, A champion eager to go forth and

Let tyrants look out for a sound castigation:

Sir Galahad waits with his hand on

flivver.

his liver, And tends to encourage a free flow pressor and a despot." of bile.

ges to battle,

A dauntless knight in a tin-plated barouche. There's hate in each backfire, each squeak and each rattle For those who would monkey with

That glorious document he manufac-That product of genius created by Hunt,

our constituoch.

It must not be damaged, it must not be fractured, So arm, all ye catiffs, and march to the front.

The sacronsact recall, likewise referendum,

Sir Galahad cranks up his Ford for

The warriors of old, with an air cavalierly, Would rescue fair maidens from

fortresses grim Sir Galahad wishes it understood clearly That maidens don't mean such a whole lot to him. those vile amendments that

roused him to action, Inflamed with zeal this constitu-tional knight. cowardly enemy flees in distrac-

tion. Sir Galahad flivvereth forth in his might. -"Dug's" Dope in Jerome Verde

CAUGHT

A sharp tongued, red faced lawyer was cross-examining a witness as to

was cross-examining a witness as to his sobriety.

"You were seen," he began, "enter-ing the Spread Eagle as soon as the doors were open, or soon afterward?" "Yes," replied the witness, "but not to drink."

"What object had you in view then?" asked the lawyer. "The only object I had in view, sir, as I went in was yourself coming out."

PAGE MR. VOLSTEAD

One of our friends, a good Kentuckian, by-the-way, says he always closes his eyes when partaking of the forbidden fluid, for fear the sight of it will cause his mouth to water and

SEEK TREASURE LONG BURIED

Robert Louis Stevenson or Alexandre Dumas could hardly have produced a more romantic story than that which comes from Bisceglie, in the province of Barl, writes a Rome correspondent.

A week or two ago an Italian widow returned from Jerusalem declaring that she was in possession of an old parchment written in Italian, and giv. en to her father by a monk of Bisceglle, which contains indications of the whereabouts of an enormous hidden treasure.

Until recently the widow has not had enough money to carry out the excavation for the treasure, which is said to consist of 150 silver vases and 20 other vases full of gold coins, 31 of silver, five of antique works of art, 30 boxes of jewels, and a large earthenware vessel full of pearls. Now the excavation has begun.

According to telegrams from Biscegile the first indication mentioned in the parchment—namely, a large stone with a serpent engraved upon it—has already been discovered two public spirited of the village's resimiles from the town.

The treasure is supposed to have belonged to a Roman matron who burled it at the approach of Hannibal's troops in 216 B. C., but there is nothing to explain why so many centuries were allowed to elapse between the concealment of the treasure and the preparation of the parchment,

LINK TO PREHISTORIC TIMES

A report has been published by the Field Museum of Natural History, at Chicago, describing an animal discovered in South America, which is a survivor of a prehistoric period. This animal known as Cenolestes, is small and looks like a sharp-nosed rat, but is different from any other living animal. Its bones and teeth are essentially the same as those of a group of animals now extinct and known only through fossils hundreds of thousands of years old. It has a pouch like the kangaroo, and its existence may indi-South America and Australia were connected by land in prehistoric times, since pouched animals exist in both places. The original stock may have spread from South America to Australia, or vice versa, or it may have originated in a long-vanished continent, the so-called Antarctica, and spread north to both continents, over a land bridge, which is supposed to have linked the three.-Popular Mechanics Magazine,

BAN ON FAIRIES

Fairy tales are no longer allowed to be told to children in Russia. The minister of education for Bolshevists has issued an order that fairles or princely heroes are not to be mentioned, and do harm, and are therefore forbidden.

Instead of fairles, children must be told of "scientists and leaders who have served humanity."

Aladdin must not be misrepresented Sir Galahad rolls to the fray in a as a good-hearted prince who used his magic lamp for the good of all A cute little buss of the henryford the people around him; he must be style.

It jounces his tummy and shakes up was a prince, and therefore "an opshown in his "true colors," for he

MICKIE SAYS

NEWSPAPERS DON'T NEVER MAKE NO EXORBITANT PROFITE BO THEY GOTTA HAVE ALL TH' MONEY 'AT'S COMIN' TO THEM, SO IF YOU OWE US ALMYHIN', WED SURE ADMIRE WOW TO SUAH OF THANK YOU!



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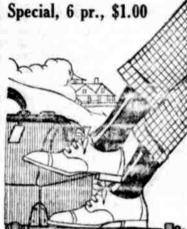
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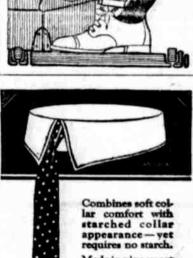
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CHILE MAY SOON EXPORT COAL

The coal mines in Chile have recently witnessed a great development, and at present are producing about 2,000,000 tons per annum. The old mines produced a rather inferior product, but the new developments are turning out very acceptable coal, and there is plenty of room for extending operations in that country. Virtually all of the coal mined in the country is being used by the manufacturing interests there, but there is no doubt that if the development continues at the present rate there will be enough produced not only to care for the home market, but to allow enough for exportation.

The Beast: "You used to say there was something about me that you Beauty: "Yes, but you've spent it SOUNDPROOF BRICKS FLOAT

Bricks that float are made from an tween 1851 and 1873. earth found in Denmark, which is impregnated with the fossilized remains of diatoms, a very minute form of

Brought to Colchester, England, the earth is baked into bricks, which are said to be fireproof and soundproof.

Another novelty is the Frewen cavity brick, 1,800 of which take the place of 20,000 ordinary bricks. The hollow spaces in these bricks are linked in every direction, thus providing constant circulation of air through the walls of the house.

REINFORCED CIGARS

"Gimme three cigars," ordered O'Rourke, shoving a quarter across the counter.

"Strong ones, or mild?"
"Gimme strong ones. The weak
wans is always bustin' in me pocket."

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